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KEYSTONE NOTES

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Solana Beach Road

Rancho Santa Fe Company contemplated developing part of the coast near Solana Beach in San Diego County. They would spend \$500,000. Last fortnight they claimed they could not spend their money because the County would not give them a chance to.

Near Solana Beach is an old stretch of road long fallen in disuse, abandoned. The Rancho people need it to develop their new tract, but the county will not sell it. This was what a representative of the company informed the San Diego Board of Supervisors last week. He said there had been an agreement whereby the County would surrender road rights to the Rancho Santa Fe Company.

Board members professed to know nothing about the agreement. Supervisor Thomas Hurley objected to giving up the old roadway until the agreement was produced, thought the "Save the Beaches" slogan of the County should be considered first. He did not want beach frontage to be lost to the public. Since the Public beach rights are more and more important as coast lands are developed, every foot must be conserved.

He said the State Highway Commission was against relinquishment of this particular stretch of beach.

Red Roberts

Twenty-two-year-old Mack Roberts last week forgot the existence of a Los Angeles County ordinance and now he is under arrest for distributing Communist literature. Lawful in Hyde Park, London, Eng., propagation of Red doctrine is a criminal offense in Los Angeles.

Copies of Roberts' handbills, which he was distributing to houses on the street, solicited attendance at a Communist meeting to take place Saturday at the Co-operative Auditorium. Said the bill: "Fight Against Police Brutality" and "Come in Mass to Protest Against the Destruction of the Worker's Children's Summer Camp." Robert Whitaker and Leo Gallagher were announced as the speakers.

The circular bore the names of the Young Communist League, Workers International Relief, International Labor Defense, and the Women's Cons. Educational League.

At Chino, Speakers Galanis and Frady of the Ontario American Legion Post urged relentless warfare against the Red propaganda being spread by radical elements in Southern California, pointed out that the American flag was being menaced, reminded citizens of the proximity of the asserted Red children's camp nearby in Yucaipa Valley, hinted at another such organization now flourishing in the district.

Up Six Million

Land values in California have always had a peculiar habit of rising. Santa Barbara, no exception to the rule, last week found its county lands had increased in total valuation to \$50,000,000 for county purposes.

For county government purposes the entire valuation has increased \$6,000,000. Valuation of the county's wealth, including intangibles, public service companies' property and railroads, is about \$139,000,000 as against \$83,000,000 in 1928. The Santa Barbara High School district has an assessed value of \$39,194,370.

Other school district valuations are as follows: Santa Maria elementary, \$4,785,300; Santa Maria High School, \$14,550,135; Lompoc elementary, \$2,200,720; Lompoc High School, \$5,004,630; Carpinteria elementary, \$3,963,480; Carpinteria High School, \$3,473,370; Goleta elementary, \$2,690,710; Santa Ynez High School, \$4,175,312.

30 Acres Added

Larger by thirty acres and fifteen residents was the City of Orange last week, following an annexation election in the territory north of Santa Ana, known as the West Chapman Street district. After having turned down a proposal to annex their district to the City of Santa Ana, the fifteen residents voted 11 to 4 in favor of becoming part of Orange.

Ten residents of the district recently signed a petition asking the Santa Ana City Council to annex the territory. When the Santa Ana Council complied, the residents voted the proposition down, immediately asking annexation to Orange.

Catalina Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelo, their daughter June and son George of 260th street are vacationing in San Diego.

NEWS REVIEW SECTION

Contention

"A union junior college district in Southern California as its bone of contention next month when representatives of high school districts adjacent to Santa Ana and Anaheim meet in the Santa Ana High School cafeteria. This was the announcement made following a meeting of the Board of Education at Santa Ana. Action of the board was taken after a request of a committee from the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

Virtually every district in Orange County is represented on the committee, includes Principal J. A. Claves of Anaheim High School. W. C. Jerome heads the committee.

Delegates from Anaheim expressed themselves in favor of one union junior college for the County, deplored the action Fullerton had taken which delegates thought made it impossible for one single district to be formed, said they were open to invitation from Santa Ana to become a part of the biggest of two junior college districts, which now seem to be under construction.

Baja California

Southern Baja California, undeveloped, virgin territory, has a new Governor, reached San Diego last week of the appointment of General Augustin Olachea as Governor of the southern district of Baja California. He replaced former Governor Amado Aguirre at the capital of La Paz. The new executive will not take up duties, has ambitious plans for his virgin acres. Said he in Mexican equivalents: "I plan to extend agricultural activities, purchase road-building and farm machinery, develop mining and water transportation from Upper California around the Cape up to Santa Rosalia. I am interested in assisting tomato growers. We grow perhaps the finest winter tomatoes and are only two days from an important market."

Olachea has new cash on hand for road building, and will soon begin construction, is the unofficial report.

Slot Machines

Owners of slot machines and punchboards often circumvent city ordinances by making their machines available to be merchandise vending devices. The dispensing of gum and other confections is used to disguise the purpose of the machine, to mislead city officials and minors of the fact that two, five, and twelve nickels or tokens may be won, or lost.

Many are the Southern California communities that have launched crusades against slot machines and punchboards. This is because irresponsible minors, not adult, are those harmed.

Vexed at the increase of disguised gambling devices in their city, Ventura's City Council has drafted an air-tight ordinance, launched a rigid inspection, soon hopes to make the city free from lotteries and gaming schemes.

From The Ruins

Eight weeks ago Brawley lost its City Hall. It burned down. A fortnight ago Brawley's City Council announced plans for a new edifice. It will be built in the City Park on the same spot as the former one. Of the necessary funds, \$50,000 come from two sources. Half has been collected in insurance on the burned building. The other half will be raised by a bond issue.

Councilmen were a little disgruntled when it was decided to accommodate police and fire quarters and general offices all in the same building.

Pomona's Cigarettes

A protest against displaying cigarette advertisements in Pomona newspapers or on Pomona billboards and in store windows was placed before the Council three months ago. Proponents were the W. C. T. U. and Parent-Teachers' organizations.

City Attorney J. A. Allard Jr. made extensive investigations as to the validity of the proposal; inquiries extended to authorities in the Yale Law School. He found that when it is lawful to sell a product it is also lawful to advertise it; remembered that before the passing of the Eighteenth Amendment it was legally possible to advertise liquor.

Long Beach councilmen are confronted with a similar proposal by organizations there.

Tax Tendencies

Taxation is as potent a subject in Southern California as any place. Citizens look continually for a decrease in the tax rate, submit glumly to an increase. In the last fortnight four Southern California cities experienced fluctuations in tax rates.

Glendale residents face the happy prospect of a reduced rate for the coming year. In Glendale, property values have increased but a reduction in the city's budget assures a slash in tax-payers bills, preliminary estimations show. Land values increased \$807,990.

City tax rates in San Diego went up to \$2.27, but citizens there received a gift when the county rates were lowered. This caused a reduction in their total payment of county and city taxes of \$1.54. Taxable property in the City of San Diego was valued at \$88,000,000. If approved, the county budget will go into effect next month.

At Ventura, citizens were pleased at the announcement of a small increase of 2 cents in the rate. They had anticipated a 30-cent addition. The Ventura County rate for incorporated cities is \$2.21 as against \$2.19 last year.

A new ordinance in Ontario caused water rates there to be increased 10 cents. Whereas residents had formerly paid \$1.00, they will hereafter pay \$1.10.

Assorted high taxation in Ontario brought a verbal broadside from Rancher F. A. Lucas, prominent citizen and vice-president of the recently organized Tax-Payers Union. Too much money, he said, was being spent on the Chaffey Union High School. Half of its 5000 students were adults doing part-time work. He did not favor tax money being used for adult education when it (the money) was primarily intended for the education of children. Many prominent men in Ontario are members of the Tax Payers' Union.

Again, L. A. River

Two Southern California cities, Glendale and Burbank, disregarded the time-worn joke about the Los Angeles River, and proposed to extract water from the underground flow. But the Los Angeles Water and Power Department took offense, decided against the proposal. Counsel W. B. Mathews was authorized to file injunction proceedings against the two cities. Mathews said water taken from the Los Angeles River was a violation of the rights of Los Angeles. The rights date back to the time when the King of Spain ruled this part of the world.

Some years ago Glendale and Burbank were "billed" for water taken from the underground stream. Los Angeles officials agreed, however, that to file the present demands was only right.

Court Jurisdiction

Civil suits under the jurisdiction of the justice courts of California's townships are limited to cases involving sums not over \$50.

Last week a new State law became effective whereby in communities having a population of 30,000 or over County Municipal courts are to be created with jurisdiction to hear cases involving sums up to and including \$1000.

Of Southern California's counties, populous Los Angeles County will reap the most benefit from the law. The new districts affected are: Pasadena, Glendale, Huntington Park and Alhambra. Possibilities: Santa Monica, Pomona, Beverly Hills, Inglewood, Montebello, Whittier and Compton.

Dams

"Special Use" permits issued by the Department of Agriculture last fortnight will bring about the construction of flood control dams for Sunset Canyon, Eaton Canyon and Tujunga. The permit was received by the Los Angeles Flood Control District. Federal permission was needed since the dam sites are all located in Federal Forest Reserve territory.

Chambers Unite

Kiwanians of Montrose and La Crescenta last week decided that the chambers of commerce of both towns should become one. Already leading Montrose citizens have voted favorably; Kiwanians were awaiting the decision of the La Crescenta chamber.

The consolidation will eliminate sectional differences, unite consideration of various valley problems, is the contention.

Silent Nights

At Ontario, as in many another community, screeching train whistles are not welcomed at night. Some time ago Ontario's citizenry banded together, prohibited unnecessary night noises, created by passing trains. Ontario's police department served notice to the railroad companies that no shrieking whistles would be tolerated in that city at night, that train crews who persist in using the whistle cord would be arrested. Ontario's prohibition has been mildly successful. No arrests have been made of engineers or firemen, yet excessive night noises have abated.

Among other Southern California communities that have launched campaigns for more Silent Nights is Banning. Last week this city, noted as a health resort and with many a patient opposed to noisy nights, communicated with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to learn the steps necessary for bigger and better Silent Nights. Banning's citizenry, using the Ontario method, soon hopes for peace, quiet.

Beach Pollution

Beautiful California beaches last week received a coating of crude oil. Ventura's Pierpont Bay and many Los Angeles County beaches were made ugly and uninhabitable. Chambers of commerce and recreation departments were flooded with complaints.

Ventura, Union Oil's submerged line conveying oil to ships at sea broke twice. Later in the afternoon bathers were greeted with petroleum-crested breakers; they abandoned the water hurriedly. Officials said measures would be taken to prevent another such occurrence.

In Los Angeles County, repeated oil pollution of beaches has been a sore. Playground and Recreation Superintendent Hjelle has asked the co-operation of oil companies. Should their tank ships discharge ballast further from the coast than the prescribed three miles, it will not drift to the beaches immediately.

Los Angeles Representative Crail is said to be pushing a bill in Congress to end the nuisance.

At Santa Monica, Chamber of Commerce officials are dismayed over arrested damages to Santa Monica Canyon beach. Groins, increasing the size and usefulness of beaches above, diminish those below by taking away the soft sand and leaving rocks and coarse materials, it is said. An investigation is being made.

No Smugglers

F. G. Benson, appointed by Governor Young to find a site for a Federal narcotic addicts farm, thought Yucaipa, near Redlands, answered all requirements. But Redlands townsmen thought otherwise; they were keenly opposed to Benson's selection. "Dope smugglers are certain where there is a narcotic farm," protested Rotary Member Dr. E. E. Burpee. "Yucaipa and community would be undesirable to live in; land values would drop."

President Dr. V. C. Duke of Redlands University said the present site of that institution would never have been chosen had they suspected a narcotic hospital being built near it. Therefore the board of the University had taken a stand against the idea. Superintendent of Schools Henry Clement thought a dope addicts farm would hurt university attendance.

Carnahan's Probers

In Los Angeles last week to discuss legislative business, Edgar C. Levy, Speaker of the California Assembly, and Lieutenant Governor Carnahan named ten committees to investigate various subjects within the next eighteen months.

These committees will inquire into subjects pertaining to taxes, street improvement laws, mechanics lien laws, water resources, allocation of highway money, regional planning along the ocean front, utilization of prison labor, control of billboards and advertising signs along highways, aerial navigation and narcotic control. The tax committee is regarded as the most important to the State as a whole, and it is likely that the present "patchwork plan" of state taxes will be discarded for an entirely new plan.

Courthouse

Ventura last fortnight paid owners of the Crane, Neel and Koff properties adjoining the Courthouse approximately \$90,760. Properties purchased under the approval of the Board of Supervisors will be used to enlarge the present grounds.

Covina's Hall

Original plans for the new Covina City Hall were considered too costly. But last week more plans were submitted and accepted because they were well inside the specified \$35,000 which had been decided upon earlier.

Next month, at the session of the Council, bids will be opened.

Zelzah, A Memory

Zelzah has been a familiar name to Los Angeles County for years. But the name has been definitely relegated to the place where all of California's dusty memories are kept, and the town is now known as North Los Angeles.

With the removal last week of the old sign on the city's Southern Pacific depot, there is nothing left to remind citizens of the former name of their home town except the existence of Zelzah Avenue, which, it has been decided, will bear the antiquated name as a perpetual reminder of bygone days.

Women

Mabel Confesses

For eight years Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former principal of Lincoln Park Grammar School, South Pasadena, served as Assistant U. S. Attorney in Charge of Prohibition. When she resigned last spring to become chief counsel for Aviation Corporation, many political observers said her resignation was a political utterance during the Hoover-Smith campaign had forced her resignation.

No bigot, but sworn enforcer of the U. S. Constitution, Mrs. Willebrandt last fortnight confessed, in a series of signed articles which appeared concurrently in



SO. PASADENA'S MABEL
She was no test-taker.

many newspapers throughout the land, she told of her early history as a school teacher, how she studied law at the University of Southern California; her appointment as Public Defender for the City of Los Angeles, and many other eventful episodes to her appointment in 1921 by President Harding as Assistant U. S. Attorney General.

But most amazing were Mrs. Willebrandt's statements that she had been made the "goat" of the Hoover campaign, and that "I am now but was not then" (before 1921) a test-taker. While it was legal to do so, I had liquor in my own home in California, and used it, in moderation, of course."

Regarding her so-called "Speech to the Methodists," delivered at Springfield, O., and wherein she attacked Candidate Smith's regional planning along the ocean front, utilization of prison labor, control of billboards and advertising signs along highways, aerial navigation and narcotic control. The tax committee is regarded as the most important to the State as a whole, and it is likely that the present "patchwork plan" of state taxes will be discarded for an entirely new plan.

Said James Francis Burke in reply to Mrs. Willebrandt's articles: "It is needless to say that had Mrs. Willebrandt or any other person submitted to me a speech attacking my own religion I would have resented and repudiated it. Another Willebrandt confession: 'I have no denominational allegiance to any church nor have my parents, but I do believe in prayer.'

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